

REMARKS

Preliminarily, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-14, 16-30, 32, 34-38, 40-45, 48 and 49, and acknowledging the allowability of claim 47.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-9, 11-14, 16-30, 32, 34-38, 40-46 and 48-68 will be pending. Claims 10, 15, 31, 33, 39 and 47 have been cancelled. Claim 9 is newly presented in independent form, and claim 10 has been newly presented in independent form as claim 50. New dependent claims 51-68 have been presented to more distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. No new matter has been presented.

Claim 46 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Beer (US 3,751,296). In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have included the limitation of dependent claim 47 into independent claim 46, and cancelled claim 47. Accordingly, the above rejections are rendered moot.

Therefore, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is kindly requested.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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